

HOMOLOGICAL DIMENSION OF CROSSED PRODUCTS *

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0 Introduction

Throughout this paper, k is a field, R is an algebra over k , and H is a Hopf algebra over k . We say that $R\#_{\sigma}H$ is the crossed product of R and H if $R\#_{\sigma}H$ becomes an algebra over k by multiplication:

$$(a\#h)(b\#g) = \sum_{h,g} a(h_1 \cdot b)\sigma(h_2, g_1)\#h_3g_2$$

for any $a, b \in R, h, g \in H$, where $\Delta(h) = \sum h_1 \otimes h_2$ (see, [2, Definition 7.1.1].)

Let $lpd(RM)$, $lid(RM)$ and $lfd(RM)$ denote the left projective dimension, left injective dimension and left flat dimension of left R -module M , respectively. Let $lgD(R)$ and $wD(R)$ denote the left global dimension and weak dimension of algebra R , respectively.

Crossed products are very important algebraic structures. The relation between homological dimensions of algebra R and crossed product $R\#_{\sigma}H$ is often studied. J.C.McConnell and J.C.Robson in [4, Theorem 7.5.6] obtained that

$$rgD(R) = rgD(R * G)$$

for any finite group G with $|G|^{-1} \in k$, where $R * G$ is skew group ring. It is clear that every skew group ring $R * G$ is a crossed product $R\#_{\sigma}kG$ with trivial σ . Zhong

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Yi in [9] obtained that the global dimension of crossed product $R * G$ is finite when the global dimension of R is finite and some other conditions hold.

In this paper, we obtain that the global dimensions of R and the crossed product $R \#_\sigma H$ are the same; meantime, their weak dimensions are also the same, when H is finite-dimensional semisimple and cosemisimple Hopf algebra.

1 The homological dimensions of modules over crossed products

In this section, we give the relation between homological dimensions of modules over R and $R \#_\sigma H$.

If M is a left (right) $R \#_\sigma H$ -module, then M is also a left (right) R -module since we can view R as a subalgebra of $R \#_\sigma H$.

Lemma 1.1 *Let R be a subalgebra of algebra A .*

- (i) *If M is a free A -module and A is a free R -module, then M is a free R -module;*
- (ii) *If P is a projective left $R \#_\sigma H$ -module, then P is a projective left R -module;*
- (iii) *If P is a projective right $R \#_\sigma H$ -module and H is a Hopf algebra with invertible antipode, then P is a projective right R -module;*
- (iv) *If*

$$\mathcal{P}_M : \cdots P_n \xrightarrow{d_n} P_{n-1} \cdots \rightarrow P_0 \xrightarrow{d_0} M \rightarrow 0$$

is a projective resolution of left $R \#_\sigma H$ -module M , then \mathcal{P}_M is a projective resolution of left R -module M ;

- (v) *If*

$$\mathcal{P}_M : \cdots P_n \xrightarrow{d_n} P_{n-1} \cdots \rightarrow P_0 \xrightarrow{d_0} M \rightarrow 0$$

is a projective resolution of right $R \#_\sigma H$ -module M and H is a Hopf algebra with invertible antipode, then \mathcal{P}_M is a projective resolution of right R -module M .

Proof. (i) It is obvious.

(ii) Since P is a projective $R \#_\sigma H$ -module, we have that there exists a free $R \#_\sigma H$ -module F such that P is a summand of F . It is clear that $R \#_\sigma H \cong R \otimes H$ as left R -module, which implies that $R \#_\sigma H$ is a free R -module. Thus it follows

from part (i) that F is a free R -module and P is a summand of F as R -module. Consequently, P is a projective R -module.

(iii) By [2, Corollary 7.2.11], $R\#_\sigma H \cong H \otimes R$ as right R -module. Thus $R\#_\sigma H$ is a free right R -module. Using the method in the proof of part (i), we have that P is a projective right R -module.

(iv) and (v) can be obtained by part (ii) and (iii). \square

Lemma 1.2 (i) *Let R be a subalgebra of A . If M is a flat right (left) A -module and A is a flat right (left) R -module, then M is a flat right (left) R -module;*

(ii) *If F is a flat left $R\#_\sigma H$ -module, then F is a flat left R -module;*

(iii) *If F is a flat right $R\#_\sigma H$ -module and H is a Hopf algebra with invertible antipode, then F is a flat right R -module;*

(iv) *If*

$$\mathcal{F}_M : \quad \cdots F_n \xrightarrow{d_n} F_{n-1} \cdots \rightarrow F_0 \xrightarrow{d_0} M \rightarrow 0$$

is a flat resolution of left $R\#_\sigma H$ -module M , then \mathcal{F}_M is a flat resolution of left R -module M ;

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is a flat resolution of right $R\#_\sigma H$ -module M and H is a Hopf algebra with invertible antipode, then \mathcal{F}_M is a flat resolution of M ;

Proof. (i) We only show part (i) in the case which M is a right A -module and A is a right R -module; the other cases can similarly be shown. Let

$$0 \rightarrow X \xrightarrow{f} Y$$

be an exact left $R\#_\sigma H$ -module sequence. By assumptions,

$$0 \rightarrow A \otimes_R X \xrightarrow{A \otimes f} A \otimes_R Y$$

and

$$0 \rightarrow M \otimes_A (A \otimes_R X) \xrightarrow{M \otimes (A \otimes f)} M \otimes_A (A \otimes_R Y)$$

are exact sequences. Obviously,

$$M \otimes_A (A \otimes_R X) \cong M \otimes_R X \quad \text{and} \quad M \otimes_A (A \otimes_R Y) \cong M \otimes_R Y$$

as additive groups. Thus

$$0 \rightarrow M \otimes_R X \xrightarrow{M \otimes f} M \otimes_R Y$$

is an exact sequence, which implies M is a flat R -module.

(ii)-(v) are immediate consequence of part (i) \square

The following is a immediate consequence of Lemma 1.1 and 1.2.

Proposition 1.3 (i) *If M is a left $R \#_\sigma H$ -module, then*

$$lpd({}_R M) \leq lpd({}_{R \#_\sigma H} M);$$

(ii) *If M is a right $R \#_\sigma H$ -module and H is a Hopf algebra with invertible antipode, then*

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Lemma 1.4 *Let H be a finite-dimensional semisimple Hopf algebra, and let M and N be left $R \#_\sigma H$ -modules. If f is an R -module homomorphism from M to N , and*

$$\bar{f}(m) = \sum \gamma^{-1}(t_1) f(\gamma(t_2)m)$$

for any $m \in M$, then \bar{f} is an $R \#_\sigma H$ -module homomorphism from M to N , where $t \in \int_H^r$ with $\epsilon(t) = 1$, and γ is a map from H to $R \#_\sigma H$ sending h to $1 \# h$.

Proof. (see, the proof of [2, Theorem 7.4.2]) For any $a \in R, h \in H, m \in M$, we see that

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{f}(am) &= \sum \gamma^{-1}(t_1) f(\gamma(t_2)am) \\ &= \sum \gamma^{-1}(t_1) f((t_2 \cdot a)\gamma(t_3)m) \\ &= \sum \gamma^{-1}(t_1) (t_2 \cdot a) f(\gamma(t_3)m) \\ &= \sum a \gamma^{-1}(t_1) f(\gamma(t_2)m) \\ &= a \bar{f}(m) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\bar{f}(\gamma(h)m) &= \sum \gamma^{-1}(t_1)f(\gamma(t_2)\gamma(h)m) \\
&= \sum \gamma^{-1}(t_1)f(\sigma(t_2, h_1)\gamma(t_3h_2)m) \quad \text{by [2, Definition 7.1.1]} \\
&= \sum \gamma^{-1}(t_1)\sigma(t_2, h_1)f(\gamma(t_3h_2)m) \\
&= \sum \gamma(h_1)\gamma^{-1}(t_1h_2)f(\gamma(t_2h_3)m) \\
&= \sum \gamma(h)\gamma^{-1}(t_1)f(\gamma(t_2)m) \quad \text{since } \sum h_1 \otimes t_1h_2 \otimes t_2h_3 = \sum h \otimes t_1 \otimes t_2 \\
&= \gamma(h)\bar{f}(m)
\end{aligned}$$

Thus \bar{f} is an $R\#_\sigma H$ -module homomorphism. \square

In fact, we can obtain a functor by Lemma 1.4. Let ${}_{R\#_\sigma H}\overline{\mathcal{M}}$ denote the full subcategory of ${}_R\mathcal{M}$; its objects are all of left $R\#_\sigma H$ -modules and its morphisms from M to N are all of R -module homomorphisms from M to N . For any $M, N \in {}_{ob}{}_{R\#_\sigma H}\overline{\mathcal{M}}$ and R -module homomorphism f from M to N , we define that

$$F : {}_{R\#_\sigma H}\overline{\mathcal{M}} \longrightarrow {}_{R\#_\sigma H}\mathcal{M}$$

such that

$$F(M) = M \quad \text{and} \quad F(f) = \bar{f},$$

where \bar{f} is defined in Lemma 1.4. It is clear that F is a functor.

Lemma 1.5 *Let H be a finite-dimensional semisimple Hopf algebra, and let M and N be right $R\#_\sigma H$ -modules. If f is an R -module homomorphism from M to N , and*

$$\bar{f}(m) = \sum f(m\gamma^{-1}(t_1))\gamma(t_2)$$

for any $m \in M$, then \bar{f} is an $R\#_{\sigma}H$ -module homomorphism from M to N , where $t \in \int_H^r$ with $\epsilon(t) = 1$, γ is a map from H to $R\#_{\sigma}H$ sending h to $1\#h$.

Proof. (see, the proof of [2, Theorem 7.4.2]) For any $a \in R, h \in H, m \in M$, we see that

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{f}(ma) &= \sum f(ma\gamma^{-1}(t_1))\gamma(t_2) \\ &= \sum f(m\gamma^{-1}(t_1)(t_2 \cdot a))\gamma(t_3) \\ &= \sum f(m\gamma^{-1}(t_1))(t_2 \cdot a)\gamma(t_3) \\ &= \sum f(m\gamma^{-1}(t_1))\gamma(t_2)a \\ &= \bar{f}(m)a\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{f}(m\gamma(h)) &= \sum f(m\gamma(h)\gamma^{-1}(t_1))\gamma(t_2) \\ &= \sum f(m\gamma(h_1)\gamma^{-1}(t_1h_2))\gamma(t_2h_3) \quad \text{since } \sum h_1 \otimes t_1h_2 \otimes t_2h_3 = \sum h \otimes t_1 \otimes t_2 \\ &= \sum f(m\gamma^{-1}(t_1)\sigma(t_2, h_1))\gamma(t_3h_2) \quad \text{by [2, Definition 7.1.1]} \\ &= \sum f(m\gamma^{-1}(t_1))\sigma(t_2, h_1)\gamma(t_3h_2) \\ &= \sum f(m\gamma^{-1}(t_1))\gamma(t_2)\gamma(h) \\ &= \bar{f}(m)\gamma(h)\end{aligned}$$

Thus \bar{f} is an $R\#_{\sigma}H$ -module homomorphism. \square

Proposition 1.6 *Let H be a finite-dimensional semisimple Hopf algebra.*

(i) *If P is a left (right) $R\#_{\sigma}H$ -modules and a projective left (right) R -module, then P is a projective left (right) $R\#_{\sigma}H$ -module;*

(ii) *If E is a left (right) $R\#_{\sigma}H$ -modules and an injective left (right) R -module, then E is an injective left (right) $R\#_{\sigma}H$ -module;*

(iii) *If F is a left (right) $R\#_{\sigma}H$ -modules and a flat left (right) R -module, then F is a flat left (right) $R\#_{\sigma}H$ -module.*

Proof. (i) Let

$$X \xrightarrow{f} Y \rightarrow 0$$

be an exact sequence of left (right) $R\#_{\sigma}H$ -modules and g be a $R\#_{\sigma}H$ -module homomorphism from P to Y . Since P is a projective left (right) R -module, we have that there exists a R -module homomorphism φ from P to X , such that

$$f\varphi = g.$$

By Lemma 1.4 and 1.5, there exists a $R\#_{\sigma}H$ -module homomorphism $\bar{\varphi}$ from P to X such that

$$f\bar{\varphi} = g.$$

Thus P is a projective left (right) $R\#_\sigma H$ -module.

Similarly, we can obtain the proof of part (ii).

(iii) Since F is a flat left (right) R -module, we have the character module $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{Z}}(F, \mathcal{Q}/\mathcal{Z})$ of F is a injective left (right) R -module by [8, Theorem 2.3.6]. Obviously, $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{Z}}(F, \mathcal{Q}/\mathcal{Z})$ is a left (right) $R\#_\sigma H$ -module. By part (ii), $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{Z}}(F, \mathcal{Q}/\mathcal{Z})$ is a injective left (right) $R\#_\sigma H$ -module. Thus F is a flat left (right) $R\#_\sigma H$ -module. \square

Proposition 1.7 *Let H be a finite-dimensional semisimple Hopf algebra. Then for left (right) $R\#_\sigma H$ -modules M and N ,*

$$\text{Ext}_{R\#_\sigma H}^n(M, N) \subseteq \text{Ext}_R^n(M, N),$$

where n is any natural number.

Proof. We view the $\text{Ext}^n(M, N)$ as the equivalent classes of n -extension of M and N (see, [8, Definition 3.3.7]). We only prove this result for $n = 1$. For other cases, we can similarly prove. We denote the equivalent classes in $\text{Ext}_{R\#_\sigma H}^1(M, N)$ and $\text{Ext}_R^1(M, N)$ by $[E]$ and $[F]'$, respectively, where E is an extension of $R\#_\sigma H$ -modules M and N , and F is an extension of R -modules M and N . We define a map

$$\Psi : \text{Ext}_{R\#_\sigma H}^1(M, N) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_R^1(M, N), \quad \text{by sending } [E] \text{ to } [E]'.$$

Obviously, Ψ is a map. Now we show that Ψ is injective. Let

$$0 \rightarrow M \xrightarrow{f} E \xrightarrow{g} N \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{and} \quad 0 \rightarrow M \xrightarrow{f'} E' \xrightarrow{g'} M \rightarrow 0$$

are two extensions of $R\#_\sigma H$ -modules M and N , and they are equivalent in $\text{Ext}_R^1(M, N)$. Thus there exists R -module homomorphism φ from E to E' such that

$$\varphi f = f' \quad \text{and} \quad \varphi g = g'.$$

By lemma 1.4, there exists $R\#_\sigma H$ -module homomorphism $\bar{\varphi}$ from E to E' such that

$$\bar{\varphi} f = f' \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{\varphi} g = g'.$$

Thus E and E' is equivalent in $\text{Ext}_{R\#_\sigma H}^1(M, N)$, which implies that Ψ is injective. \square

Lemma 1.8 *For any $M \in \mathcal{M}_{R\#_{\sigma}H}$ and $N \in {}_{R\#_{\sigma}H}\mathcal{M}$, there exists an additive group homomorphism*

$$\xi : M \otimes_R N \rightarrow M \otimes_{R\#_{\sigma}H} N$$

by sending $(m \otimes n)$ to $m \otimes n$, where $m \in M, n \in N$.

Proof. It is trivial. \square

Proposition 1.9 *If M is a right $R\#_{\sigma}H$ -modules and N is a left $R\#_{\sigma}H$ -module, then there exists additive group homomorphism*

$$\xi_* : \text{Tor}_n^R(M, N) \longrightarrow \text{Tor}_n^{R\#_{\sigma}H}(M, N)$$

such that $\xi_([z_n]) = [\xi(z_n)]$, where ξ is the same as in Lemma 1.8.*

Proof. Let

$$\mathcal{P}_M : \quad \cdots P_n \xrightarrow{d_n} P_{n-1} \cdots \rightarrow P_0 \xrightarrow{d_0} M \rightarrow 0$$

is a projective resolution of right $R\#_{\sigma}H$ -module M , and set

$$T = - \otimes_{R\#_{\sigma}H} N \quad \text{and} \quad T^R = - \otimes_R N.$$

We have that

$$T\mathcal{P}_{\hat{M}} : \quad \cdots T(P_n) \xrightarrow{Td_n} T(P_{n-1}) \cdots \rightarrow T(P_1) \xrightarrow{Td_1} TP_0 \rightarrow 0$$

and

$$T^R\mathcal{P}_{\hat{M}} : \quad \cdots T^R(P_n) \xrightarrow{T^Rd_n} T^R(P_{n-1}) \cdots \rightarrow T^R(P_1) \xrightarrow{T^Rd_1} T^R(P_0) \rightarrow 0$$

are complexes . Thus ξ is a complex homomorphism from $T^R\mathcal{P}_{\hat{M}}$ to $T\mathcal{P}_{\hat{M}}$, which implies that ξ_* is an additive group homomorphism. \square

2 The global dimensions and weak dimensions of crossed products

In this section we give the relation between homological dimensions of R and $R\#_{\sigma}H$.

Lemma 2.1 *If R and R' are Morita equivalent rings, then*

- (i) $rgD(R) = rgD(R')$;
- (ii) $lgD(R) = lgD(R')$;
- (iii) $wD(R) = wD(R')$.

Proof. It is an immediate consequence of [1, Proposition 21.6, Exercise 22.12]

□

Theorem 2.2 *Let H be a finite-dimensional semisimple Hopf algebra,*

- (i) $rgD(R\#_\sigma H) \leq rgD(R)$;
- (ii) $lgD(R\#_\sigma H) \leq lgD(R)$;
- (iii) $wD(R\#_\sigma H) \leq wD(R)$.

Proof. (i) When $lgD(R)$ is infinite, obviously part (i) holds. Now we assume $lgD(R) = n$. For any left $R\#_\sigma H$ -module M , and a projective resolution of left $R\#_\sigma H$ -module M :

$$\mathcal{P}_M : \quad \cdots P_n \xrightarrow{d_n} P_{n-1} \cdots \rightarrow P_0 \xrightarrow{d_0} M \rightarrow 0,$$

we have that \mathcal{P}_M is also a projective resolution of left R -module M by Lemma 1.1. Let $K_n = \ker d_n$ be syzygy n of \mathcal{P}_M . Since $lgD(R) = n$, $Ext_R^{n+1}(M, N) = 0$ for any left R -module N by [8, Corollary 3.3.6]. Thus $Ext_R^1(K_n, N) = 0$, which implies K_n is a projective R -module. By Lemma 1.6 (i), K_n is a projective $R\#_\sigma H$ -module and $Ext_{R\#_\sigma H}^{n+1}(M, N) = 0$ for any $R\#_\sigma H$ -module N . Consequently,

$$lgD(R\#_\sigma H) \leq n = lgD(R) \quad \text{by [8, Corollary 3.3.6]} .$$

We complete the proof of part (i).

We can similarly show part (ii) and part (iii). □

Theorem 2.3 *Let H be a finite-dimensional semisimple and cosemisimple Hopf algebra. Then*

- (i) $rgD(R) = rgD(R\#_\sigma H)$;
- (ii) $rgD(R) = rgD(R\#_\sigma H)$;
- (iii) $wD(R) = wD(R\#_\sigma H)$.

Proof. (i) By dual theorem (see, [2, Corollary 9.4.17]), we have $(R\#_{\sigma}H)\#H^*$ and R are Morita equivalent algebras. Thus $lgD(R) = lgD((R\#_{\sigma}H)\#H^*)$ by Lemma 2.1 (i). Considering Theorem 2.2 (i), we have that

$$lgD((R\#_{\sigma}H)\#H^*) \leq lgD(R\#_{\sigma}H) \leq lgD(R).$$

Consequently,

$$lgD(R) = lgD(R\#_{\sigma}H).$$

Similarly, we can prove (ii) and (iii) . \square

Corollary 2.4 *Let H be a finite-dimensional semisimple Hopf algebra.*

- (i) *If R left (right) semi-hereditary, then so is $R\#_{\sigma}H$;*
- (ii) *If R is von Neumann regular, then so is $R\#_{\sigma}H$.*

Proof. (i) It follows from Theorem 2.2 and [8, Theorem 2.2.9] .

(ii) It follows from Theorem 2.2 and [8, Theorem 3.4.13]. \square

By the way, part (ii) of Corollary 2.4 give one case about the semiprime question in [2, Question 7.4.9]. That is, If H is a finite-dimensional semisimple Hopf algebra and R is a von Neumann regular algebra (notice that every von Neumann regular algebra is semiprime), then $R\#_{\sigma}H$ is semiprime.

Corollary 2.5 *Let H be a finite-dimensional semisimple and cosemisimple Hopf algebra. Then*

- (i) *R is semisimple artinian iff $R\#_{\sigma}H$ is semisimple artinian;*
- (ii) *R is left (right) semi-hereditary iff $R\#_{\sigma}H$ is left (right) semi-hereditary;*
- (iii) *R is von Neumann regular iff $R\#_{\sigma}H$ is von Neumann regular.*

Proof. (i) It follows from Theorem 2.3 and [8, Theorem 2.2.9].

(ii) It follows from Theorem 2.3 and [8, Theorem 2.2.9].

(iii) It follows from Theorem 2.3 and [8, Theorem 3.4.13]. \square

If H is commutative or cocommutative, then $S^2 = id_H$ by [7]. Consequently, by [6, Proposition 2 (c)], H is semisimple and cosemisimple iff the character *chark* of k does not divides $dimH$. Considering Theorem 2.3 and Corollary 2.5, we have:

Corollary 2.6 *Let H be a finite-dimensional commutative or cocommutative Hopf algebra. If the character $\text{char } k$ does not divide $\dim H$, then*

- (i) $rgD(R) = rgD(R \#_{\sigma} H)$;
- (ii) $rgD(R) = rgD(R \#_{\sigma} H)$;
- (iii) $wD(R) = wD(R \#_{\sigma} H)$;
- (iv) R is semisimple artinian iff $R \#_{\sigma} H$ is semisimple artinian;
- (v) R is left (right) semi-hereditary iff $R \#_{\sigma} H$ is left (right) semi-hereditary;
- (vi) R is von Neumann regular iff $R \#_{\sigma} H$ is von Neumann regular.

Since group algebra kG is a cocommutative Hopf algebra, we have that

$$rgD(R) = rgD(R * G).$$

Thus Corollary 2.6 implies in [4, Theorem 7.5.6].

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